

Walking in the Light Pr.Victor Barreira

A. 1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

God's light is described as 1000s times brighter than the sun, but we are yet called to seek His face! What is looking into the light like?

1. Light is Love: trust, confidence

Prv 3:5 "Trust in The Lord, lean not in your own understanding."

- We can be assured that His light is love, therefore we can know that He is the most safest place for us to turn to.

2. Light is Transparent: no use hiding

Prv 15:3 The eyes of the Lord are everywhere.

- It is pointless to try and hide from God, because He is everywhere. But why would we run, He is after all Love.

1 Sam 16:7 "man looks at outward appearance, but The Lord looks upon the heart"

- You can be yourself before God because He loves you as you are. You don't have to get all dressed up to impress God. He chose you.

3. Light is Gracious: never giving up on you

Ps 145:8 "The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love."

- Use His grace to open your heart fully to Him. It is a waste when such wonderful grace is available to us and waste it by not confiding all of our heart to Him. That means the nasty, unpleasant, angry, prideful, doubtful feelings too. Grace allows you to do that.

B. Now that we know what light is, are we not drawn to it?

- Give me a bible, an opportunity to pray for you, a sermon to prepare, and I'm happy. Have me move furniture around in a room, and I turn into the incredible hulk. Why is it that some tasks seem pleasant, and others drive us crazy?
- The opportunities to grow the most are when we least like ourselves and life. It is at THESE moments that He would have us turn to His light and be honest with Him. These are the opportunities where He desires to remove the impurities from our hearts and fill us with more of His lightthe Light of Jesus.

Conclusion: It is pointless to resist the Holy Spirit at those moments when we least like ourselves and life and others. It is at those moments where we will grow the most if we learn to turn towards the light and be transparent to our Loving Father.

Prayer: Father, thank you for showing me that You are love and gracious and you accept me as I am. Help me to turn to your light at those moments when I should - but I don't - so that you may operate in my soul as you desire. I desire to reflect more of Jesus. Help me to be more honest with you because you are my best friend and my Lord. Amen.